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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

For information only.

Attached is a summary of the hearing before Senator Russell's Subcommittee on 8 August. I have discussed with Colonel White and Gordon Stewart the question of charts for personnel purposes for a detailed briefing early in the session next year. The charges of the former employee have been written up in a separate memorandum which is attached and efforts are going forward with Security and DD/P to develop the story.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI's Appearance before the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee

1. At the initiative of the Agency, the Director appeared before the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee on 8 August 1958 at 10:30 a.m. for a session lasting over two hours. Present from the Subcommittee were Senators Russell and Saltonstall. Also present were Senators Hayden and Symington. Senator Hayden as Chairman of Senate Appropriations Committee and Chairman of CIA Appropriations Subcommittee participated fully but Senator Symington, apparently as an invited guest, simply listened and took extensive notes. William Darden was the only member of the staff present. Accompanying the Director were General Cabell and John Warner.

2. Prior to the actual briefing Senator Hayden indicated that he felt it would be desirable for the Director early in the session to appear before the full Appropriations Committee to brief them and to discuss certain activities of the Agency.

3. The Director then briefed the Subcommittee on the Iraq situation including the plot for the coup d'etat and the make-up of the present government. In addition, the Director briefed on the Middle East generally touching on Sudan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen, Libya and Morocco.

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4. Questions were then raised about other countries and the Director briefed the Subcommittee generally on the situation in Indonesia, Formosa, North Korea, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Venezuela, Guatemala, and Panama. Senator Russell offered his view that some day there would be a revolt in Nicaragua. Senator Hayden asked about the effect of the completion of the Pan American highway. The Director advised that in his view it would have a helpful effect.

5. Senator Saltonstall stated that a number of questions had been raised about the number of employees of the Agency in headquarters. There appeared to be lack of understanding why so many people were required in the U. S. The Director offered to present charts to give precise figures and to explain why these people were necessary. Senator Saltonstall and Senator Hayden agreed that this was a very desirable thing to do and should be done early in the next session. The Subcommittee was briefed on the current status of numbers of personnel and the fact of a small over-all reduction. Senator Saltonstall indicated that within the Appropriations Committee there had been a motion to cut the CIA appropriation as a whip saw to force a reduction in the number of people in the U. S. The motion was defeated but does give evidence of serious concern within the Appropriations Committee. Senator Saltonstall indicated that the Director should sit down some day and brief Senator Dworth. He evidenced some surprise when the Director stated that he had met with Senator Dworth and had a good long talk with him in February 1958. Senator Saltonstall also stated that Senator Ellender had complained that he did not see any of the CIA people abroad.

6. Senator Russell commented that no one should expect intelligence to predict all revolts and overthrows of governments throughout the world. The discussion came around to the question of resolutions for a Joint Committee for Intelligence and Senator Saltonstall stated that, in his opinion, a Joint Committee would ruin CIA. The Director touched on the many briefings that he had been required to give various Congressional committees this year and mentioned particularly the Wayne Hays Subcommittee hearings. Both Senators Russell and Saltonstall indicated that while they liked Wayne Hays personally they did not appreciate certain of his activities and views.

7. Senator Russell stated that he was the recipient of many criticisms of the Agency and specifically he had received within the past three months a complaint from a former employee of the Agency. (See separate Memorandum for the Record.) This matter is being investigated and a report will be made to the DCI.

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